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Assessors' Report.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1892.

Contingencies (Out of license money)	
Railings, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	\$	300.00
Highways (Out of license money)	.	.	.	.	.
Sewers and culverts, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	600.00
Bridges, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1,500.00
Support of poor, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	5,000.00
Repairs on buildings on town farm,	.	.	.	.	.	200.00
Salaries of school teachers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	11,500.00
Text books and supplies, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00
Transportation of scholars, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1,200.00
Care of schoolhouses, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	800.00
School contingencies, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Repairs on schoolhouses, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00
Fuel, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00
Salaries of school committee, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	600.00
Celebrating Memorial Day, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	100.00
Suppressing illegal sale of liquors, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Building bank wall at Bondsville, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Sewer at Thorndike, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Sewer at Three Rivers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	600.00
Cleaning cemetery at Palmer Center, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	50.00
Balance due on Bondsville schoolhouse, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	291.79
Balance due on Cooley crossing, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	355.00
Discount on taxes, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	2,000.00
Reducing town debt, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	412.80
Building highway near E. B. Gates', . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	100.00
Young Men's Library Association,	500.00
County tax, 1892,	2,831.00
State tax, 1892,	2,065.00
Overlay,	284.13
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						\$36,289.72
Non-resident bank tax on collector's book,						1,036 40
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						\$37,326.12

VALUATION FOR 1892.

Personal,	\$780,070.18	
Resident bank stock,	25,740.00	
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Real estate, buildings,	\$1,398,630.00	
Real estate, land,	470,523.85	
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Total,		\$2,674,964.03

Number of polls, 1892, 1,692.

Tax on polls, \$2.

Rate per \$1,000, \$12.30.

Number of residents assessed on property,	757
Non-residents assessed on property,	106
Horses,	497
Cows,	740
Sheep,	143
Neat cattle,	302
Swine,	86
Fowl,	5,751
Dwellings,	895
Acres of land,	1,725.30

C. F. SMITH, } Assessors
H. T. BISHOP, } of
A. L. HILLS. } Palmer.

APPROPRIATIONS OF FIRE DISTRICT, 1892.

Palmer Water Co.	\$1,000.00
Salary of treasurer,	15.00
Chief engineer,	150.00
1st assistant engineer,	25.00
2d assistant engineer,	20.00
Firemen,	400.00
Janitor,	96.00
Engineer of steamer,	50.00

Contingencies,	\$ 200.00
Electric light,	1,500.00
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						\$3,456.00
Overlay,	29.95
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Total,	\$3,485.95

VALUE OF FIRE DISTRICT, 1892.

Real estate,	\$789,080.00
Personal,	179,224.29
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Total,	\$968,304.20
Rate per \$1,000,						\$3.60.

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Treasurer's Report

OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 7TH, 1893.

Balance in Treasury March 7th, 1892,	\$ 3,140.15
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	1,529.86
National Bank tax,	205.56
State and Military Aid,	723.00
Income Mass. School Fund	218.31
Support State paupers,	189.35
Temporary support State paupers,	4.50
Burial State paupers,	92.00
Transportation State paupers,	6.75
Expenses contagious disease,	26.00
County Treasurer, Dog fund,	473.01
City of Chicopee,	4.00
City of Boston,	75.00
Town of Leominster,	76.75
Town of Brimfield,	6.00
Town of Monson,	127.69
Town of Enfield,	22.50
Town of Ware,	72.00
Mileage book,	9.32
Rent of school lot, Three Rivers,	5.00
Circus license,	8.00
Auctioneer license,	2.00
Pool license,	2.00

Received of Peddler's licenses, . . .	\$ 24.00
Sewer license, . . .	100.00
School Tuition, . . .	37.50
Sale and rent of stoves, . . .	26.00
Lockup fees, . . .	7.00
Sale of old schoolhouse, Bondsville, .	430.00
Income Merrick fund, . . .	34.34
Income Thompson fund, . . .	38.42
Town Histories sold, . . .	18.00
Liquor licenses, . . .	10,200.00
Palmer Savings Bank, temporary loan, .	5,000.00
L. E. Moore, Taxes, 1891, . . .	20.53
W. A. Weld, Taxes, 1892, . . .	34,659.00
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	\$57,613.57

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Treasurer $\frac{1}{4}$ amount received for liquor licenses, . . .	\$ 2,550.00
State Treasurer, State tax, . . .	2,065.00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax, . .	950.62
County Treasurer, County tax, . . .	2,831.00
Palmer Savings Bank, temporary loan, . .	5,000.00
Palmer Savings Bank, interest, . . .	1,061.76
Palmer Savings Bank, reducing town debt, .	412.81
State and Military Aid, . . .	1,220.00
Costs by order District Court, James Healey, .	713.99
M. J. Dawson, . . .	115.41
C. A. Bogue, . . .	38.44
H. A. Northrop, . . .	10.29
F. W. Lavine, . . .	5.23
Thomas Carmody, . . .	60.89
J. J. Griffin, . . .	18.46
H. W. Stimson, . . .	5.01
C. L. Alexander, . . .	13.63
9 outstanding school orders, . . .	243.79
1 outstanding Selectmen's order, . . .	2.00
1 Overseers of the Poor outstanding order, .	2.00

Overseer of the Poor orders,	.	.	.	\$ 5,825.92
Selectmen's orders,	.	.	.	13,129.80
School Committee approved bills,	.	.	.	19,158.19
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				\$55,434.24
Total receipts,	.	.	.	\$57,613.57
Total expenditures,	.	.	.	55,434.24
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Balance in treasury,	.	.	.	\$ 2,179.33
				J. B. SHAW, <i>Treasurer.</i>

Report of the Selectmen.

We are fortunate in being able to report an unexpended balance in most of the appropriations. A larger part than usual of the appropriation for highways has been expended in hardening and grading some of the principal roads. A more liberal expenditure of money in this direction would undoubtedly be good economy for the town. The recent storms have made it necessary to expend an unusually large amount in breaking out roads.

We have replanked seven of the principal bridges in town, some of them requiring nearly all new timber. The iron bridges at Three Rivers and Thorndike had become unsafe, being badly out of line. They have been drawn to place and strengthened with iron trusses at a comparatively small expense.

The bridges in town are in good condition and will require but a small outlay the coming season.

At the last annual meeting we were instructed by the town to take measures to secure the abolition of the grade crossings on the Ware River Railroad near Burleigh's, and the New London Northern Railroad on the Three Rivers road. Accordingly in the last-named case a petition for the appointment of a commission was presented to the court, and an understanding was finally reached with the railroad officials that the change should be made by turning the highway under the track of the railroad a short distance southeasterly of the present crossing, the location being such that this change will involve but a moderate expense, and will result in a material improvement in the present grade of the highway. Before the plans had been fully agreed upon however the season had so far advanced that it was thought best to postpone further action until spring, but as soon as the weather becomes suitable it is understood that the work shall be commenced and carried to completion without unnecessary delay. The dangerous character of the two crossings on the Ware River Rail-

road is well known, and the need of prompt efforts to secure their abolition is fully recognized by us. Just what should be done for the interests of all parties cannot easily be determined and the situation is such that it is desirable that the railroad company should coöperate with the town in devising such changes as will secure the greatest safety to the traveling public and at the same time keep the outlay within a reasonable limit. The officers of the company expressed a willingness to aid us in bringing about the desired changes, but asked for a delay until more of the grade crossings upon their main line had been disposed of, and in view of the great expense already incurred by the town in these last named crossings we deemed it for the interest of the town to delay action a short time.

CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriation,	\$3,650.00
T. M. Brown, advertising high school building, 1888,	\$ 5.60
Frank Mayett, rent of store for voting precinct,	7.00
R. C. Newell, services as registrar, 1891 and 1892,	30.00
S. H. Hellyar, services as auditor,	10.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing reports, etc.,	152.06
Palmer Water Co., water for tub on Main street,	8.50
C. L. Alexander, services as ballot clerk, 1891, March, 1892,	6.00 3.00
Nov., 1892,	3.00
B. P. Morse & Co., printing,	5.00
R. F. Hawkins, examination of iron bridge at Three Rivers,	10.72
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse,	272.00
Pole straps for hearse,	1.75
Dennis Mahoney, repairs on scraper,	2.00
J. Stever Knox, opening graves,	40.00
E. C. Davis, survey at Blanchardville,	25.86
John O'Connor, cleaning town house,	2.00
W. H. Brainerd, expenses two trips to Boston,	9.00

O. C. Marcy, teams to fire and damage to wagon,	\$ 9.25
A. S. Campbell, blacksmithing,	4.55
W. A. Weld, services as inspector, March,	3.00
James H. Tuthill, repairs on hearse,	20.00
N. Coleman, labor cemetery Three Rivers and Four Corners,	12.15
Louis E. Chandler, services as inspector, March,	3.00
M. J. Dawson, posting six town warrants, 1892 and 1892,	30.00
A. E. Park, lamps for town house,	4.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing bids for sewer, and town warrants,	10.58
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing check lists and warrants,	58.50
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing lists of poll tax payers, etc.,	53.09
J. B. Woodward, painting hearse,	35.00
L. A. Royce, food for election officers,	1.00
G. H. Wilkins, returning 19 births, 1891,	4.75
G. H. Wilkins, returning 15 births, 1892,	3.75
H. T. Bishop, services as Assessor,	185.00
H. T. Bishop, copying valuation book,	20.40
Samuel Brown, support of water tub,	5.00
F. E. Cady, services as election officer,	3.00
A. L. Hills, services as Assessor,	120.00
A. L. Hills, books, stamps. express, etc., for Assessors,	7.70
Chas. H. Underwood, shingling pest house	
Chas. F. Smith, services as assessor,	185.00
barn,	15.37
C. P. Haynes, opening graves,	16.00
C. P. Haynes, services as ballot clerk,	3.00
R. B. Francis, 6 iron hitching posts for Four Corners cemetery,	8.40
W. A. Weld, services as tax collector,	100.00
A. E. Fitch, insurance on Memorial building,	75.00

Chas. F. Place, support of water tub, .	\$ 5.00
F. F. Marcy, shingles, nails and boards for pest barn,	36.21
M. J. Dawson, services patrolling streets July 3 and 4,	8.00
H. A. Northrop, serving dog warrants, .	7.00
Geo. D. Mooers, teams for election, .	5.00
John F. Loftus, teams for election, .	6.00
James Healey, patrolling streets nights July 3 and 4, 1892,	8.00
Merrick Converse, damage to self and wagon on Mansfield bridge,	15.00
Michael Sullivan, rent of voting place pre- cinct D,	5.00
W. H. Hitchcock, material and labor on engine house and engine,	18.91
W. H. Hitchcock, firemen's services outside district,	74.00
W. H. Hitchcock, firemen's services outside district,	6.00
W. H. Hitchcock, services as Chief Engineer,	50.00
C. F. Smith, services copying valuation book,	20.00
Richard Coyer, labor on water, Four Cor- ners Cemetery,	2.50
J. D. Sawyer, water rent Four Corners Ceme- tery,	3.00
Martin Hurley, care Town House, Nov. 8, .	1.50
Honora and Josephine Gerald, support of water tub, Thorndike,	5.00
J. H. Haynes, eight drinking cups for lockup,	2.00
Dr. Wm. Holbrook, examination Bondsville during Typhoid Fever,	3.00
Dr. Wm. Holbrook, examination Mrs. Moran,	3.00
Dr. Wm. Holbrook, labor and material on grounds Memorial Building,	17.50
E. C. Sexton, painting doors Memorial build- ing,	2.61
Geo. W. Randall, services on Reed case 1887,	6.00

Geo. W. Randall, services on Fitzgerald case, 1888,	\$ 4.00
Geo. W. Randall, putting up sign boards, 1888,	2.00
Geo. W. Randall, selling old school house Bondsville, 1892,	5.00
Geo. W. Randall, notifying abutters on new road, 1888,	1.50
Thomas Blanchard, use of horses on steamer, Ferrill fire,	5.00
J. F. Holbrook, use of horses on steamer, Ferrill fire,	5.00
O. C. Marcy, use of horse on hose carriage,	4.00
W. E. Hancock, support of water tub,	5.00
Dr. W. H. Bliss, returning 21 births,	5.25
Baptist Society, Three Rivers, use of vestry for voting place,	3.00
C. L. Alexander, care of lockup,	4.50
Samuel Brown, opening grave,	2.00
Dr. H. A. Smith, services as health officer, Bondsville,	4.00
Dr. H. A. Smith, services as health officer, Thorndike,	3.00
Dr. H. A. Smith, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
Dr. H. A. Smith, returning 25 births,	6.25
H. G. Loomis, returning 22 deaths,	5.50
Joseph Kerigan, gravel and loam, 1891 and 1892,	14.00
Chas. E. Getchell, services as Selectman,	140.00
Chas. E. Getchell, services on Board of Health,	25.00
John F. Twiss, services as Selectman,	140.00
John F. Twiss, services on Board of Health,	25.00
W. H. Brainerd, services as Selectman,	150.00
W. H. Brainerd, services on Board of Health,	25.00
W. H. Brainerd, stamps and stationery,	7.00
Dr. W. H. Stowe, returning births 1891 and 1892,	14.00

Jas. B. Shaw, cash paid R. H. Smith for precinct seals,	\$ 3.75
Jas. B. Shaw, cash paid postage and express,	5.00
Jas. B. Shaw, recording marriages, births and deaths,	150.00
Jas. B. Shaw, services as Treasurer,	50.00
Jas. B. Shaw, services as Registrar of voters,	15.00
Jas. B. Shaw, services as election officer, Nov. 1892,	3.00
O. W. Marcy, services as Registrar of voters,	15.00
O. W. Marcy, services as election officer, March 1892,	3.00
B. D. Parsons, repairs on road scraper,	2.25
Horace R. Paine, putting up booths and returning same,	6.00
Joseph Belanger, returning 60 deaths,	15.00
Geo. Powers, breaking out roads, . . . . .	.90
E. W. Burns, services as ballot clerk, March. 1892,	3.00
E. W. Burns, services as Registrar of voters,	15.00
Dr. E. Sirois, returning 62 births,	15.50
Geo. Shaw, damage to wagon on highway,	3.00
Palmer Savings Bank, rent of lock-up,	90.00
C. L. Gardner, legal services,	110.57
D. J. Lawlor, returning 25 deaths,	6.25
W. E. Delaval, returning 87 births,	21.75
A. O. Allen, care of lockup, etc.,	68.40
D. W. Mack, services as inspector, Nov. 1892,	3.00
W. E. Stone, oil, etc., for lockup,	5.36
C. E. Shumway, services as election officer,	3.00
C. E. Shumway, services as recounting, Nov.	3.00
Thomas J. Moran, services as election officer, March and Nov.,	6.00
James Manning, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
F. A. Ruggles, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
A. Louis Warriner, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00

James Trickett, services as election officer, Nov.,	\$3.00
Ed. P. Brown, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
H. R. Paine, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
W. W. Leach, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
W. A. Weld, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
F. E. Cady, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
H. E. Huntley, services as election officer, Nov.	3.00
Joseph Kerigan, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
A. B. C. Deming, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
E. E. Ryther, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
H. T. Bishop, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
John F. Hanafin, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
John F. Shea, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
Wm. O'Regan, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
Lewis R. Holden, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
Chas. H. Clark, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
John Hamilton, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
Michael Keefe, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
W. H. Shepherd, services as election officer, Nov.,	3.00
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	\$3,196.94

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,				\$4,000.00
Samuel Brown, Labor on Highways Dist. 3,	\$	541.29		
M. A. Sherman, " " " 5,		237.90		
Chas. T. Brainerd, " " " 4,		479.12		
J. F. Holbrook, " " " 12,		133.75		
Dennis Mahoney, " " " 1,		191.55		
Geo. A. Smith, " " " 7,		112.00		
W. H. Olney, " " " 9,		98.50		
John F. Twiss, " " " 2,		245.40		
Wm. Miller, " " " 6,		99.05		
James Cunniff, " " " 2,		32.03		
Calvin Blodgett, " " " 8,		95.10		
H. W. Stimson, " " " 13,		152.30		
O. W. Studley, " " " 4,		81.05		
Chas. Smith, " " " 4,		28.50		
John J. Foley, " " " 2,		24.53		
Daniel Connor, " " " 2,		26.78		
John Lane, " " " 2,		11.03		
W. F. Filmore, " " " 12,		8.00		
Joseph Kerigan, " " " 10,		157.70		
D. J. O'Connor, " " " 12,		9.00		
Frank Connor,		30.75		
D. Gray,		7.50		
John F. Twiss, " " " 12,		12.00		
Peter Ditto, " " " 4,		31.50		
W. F. Filmore, " " " 2,		25.40		
John Harrington, " " " 2,		86.56		
John O'Neil, Gravel for " " 5,		23.20		
Thomas Blanchard, Labor on " " 4,		31.75		
Frank Calkins, " " " .		2.00		
J. K. Knox, Gravel for " " 4,				
1891 and 1892,		6.00		
R. S. Hastings, Labor on Highways, .		3.95		
J. P. O'Connor, " " " .		2.25		
John Daley, " " " .		3.00		
Michael O'Connor, " " " .		1.05		
Daniel Lane, " " " .		1.50		

John Russell, Labor on Highways,	.	.	\$	3.00
Robt. Camerlin, " "	.	.		5.25
John Breen, " "	.	.		3.00
John Lehan, " "	.	.		3.00
John O'Connor, " "	.	.		6.00
Merrill Duclos, " "	.	.		2.25
F. Barker, " "	.	.		4.00
John O. Hamilton, " "	.	.		12.00
O. D. Wells, " "	.	.		2.00
Jerry Shea, " "	.	.		638.61
Jerry Shea, Breaking out Highways,	.			50.00
Tim. Crimmings, Labor on Highways Dist. 4,				6.50
John Pasco, " " " 4,				1.50
W. H. Brainerd, salary as Superintendent,				150.00
John Foster, Labor on Highways Dist. 4,				3.00
Jos. Bovier, " "				2.00
C. P. Haynes, " " " 2,				22.00
John Ritchie, " "				42.75
Justus Hitchcock, " " " 12,				21.00
Dan. Haley, " " " 4,				11.25
John Cobleigh, " " " 4,				12.00
Andrew Brosnahan, " " 4,				4.50
W. H. Williams, " " " 4,				6.00
Flynt Granite Co., Crushed stone for Highways Dist. 4,	.	.		41.35
J. R. Wellman, Labor on Highways Dist. 4,				34.80
Joseph Merriam, " " " 4,				13.35
Patrick Kiunevan, " " " 4,				33.00
O. E. Butler, " " " 4,				11.55
Thos. Connor, " " " 12,				2.25
D. J. Sullivan, " " " 4,				16.50
Thos. Lynes, " " " 4,				9.00
T. J. Sullivan, " " "				8.25
Michael Manning, " " "				9.00

\$4,223.65

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$1,500.00
Thomas Connor, labor, Three Rivers bridge, \$ 5.25	
H. A. Stimson, 6523 feet plank for Burleigh bridge,	130.46
H. A. Stimson, 4225 feet plank for Thorndike bridge,	84.50
H. A. Stimson, labor and plank Whipple bridge,	1.00
Chas. Smith, labor on bridges,	25.95
Daniel Sullivan, " "	21.75
Louis Smart, " "	3.00
Geo. Russell, " "	12.75
Geo. Russell, " " . . . . .	.60
Fred Lamarine, " "	30.87
Thomas Manning, " "	11.25
Louis Duprey, " " . . . . .	.68
W. H. Brainerd, " "	50.00
F. F. Marcy, labor and material on bridges,	26.39
T. D. Potter & Co., plank for bridges,	318.01
E. R. King, labor on bridges,	12.00
Samuel Brown, labor on bridges,	44.00
Joseph Kerigan, plank for Thorndike bridge,	42.08
Andrew Brosnahan, labor on bridges,	12.25
W. A. Thompson, " "	20.00
Flynt Granite Co., covering stone for Keith's bridge.	25.92
S. W. Shumway, labor on Goddard bridge,	9.00
O. W. Studley, labor on Keith's bridge,	4.00
J. R. Wellman, " " "	4.00
C. A. Brown & Co., spikes and hardware for bridges,	30.86
T. J. Sullivan, labor on Thorndike bridge,	3.00
Dennis Haley, labor on Thorndike bridge,	3.75
Joseph Belanger, labor and material for Three Rivers iron bridge,	64.30
Joseph Belanger, labor and material for Thorn- dike iron bridge,	90.00

John Manning, labor on wooden bridge, Three Rivers,	\$ 4.20	
Perfect Buchime, labor on wooden bridge, Three Rivers,	8.40	
John Fogarty, labor on Three Rivers wooden bridge,	2.25	
Jerry Shea, labor on Bondsville bridge,	5.00	
Allen & Munsell, lumber for Three Rivers wooden bridge,	132.00	
Andrew Brosnahan, labor on Three Rivers wooden bridge,	7.00	
Palmer Mill, four barrels cement for pier of Three Rivers bridge,	5.40	
Geo. H. Hastings, labor on Three Rivers wooden bridge,	4.00	
E. A. Buck & Co., spikes for bridges,	6.14	
Jerry Shea, labor on Bondsville bridges,	69.10	
Town of Belchertown, labor and material, Bondsville and Mansfield bridges,	68.83	
O A. LaRiviere, two lanterns for Three Rivers bridge,	1.00	
J. A. Palmer, 214 feet three-inch plank for bridges,	4.28	
C. S. Ruggles, labor on Burleigh bridge,	2.90	
	<hr/>	\$1,408.12.
Received from Town of Monson,		120.69
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		\$1,287.43

CULVERTS.

Appropriation,	\$600.00
Dennis Mahoney, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 1,	\$ 8.50
Dennis Mahoney, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 1,	3.00
Henry Thayer, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 12,	6.00
J. F. Holbrook, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 12,	33.23
Jerry Shea, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 11,	7.52
Jerry Shea, " " " "	35.50

Samuel Brown, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 3,	\$21.25
Samuel Brown, " " " "	6.25
William Miller, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 6,	8.00
Andrew Brosnahan, labor on culverts, Dist.	
No. 4,	9.00
Andrew Brosnahan, labor on culverts, Dist.	
No. 4,	27.00
Patrick Ryan, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 4,	9.00
Michael J. Dillon, labor and material on sew-	
ers, Dist. No. 4,	10.35
Michael J. Dillon, labor and material on sew-	
ers, Dist. No. 4,	7.25
R. B. Francis, two 16-inch sewer grates, .	7.50
R. B. Francis, one 16-inch sewer grate, .	3.75
W. H. Olney, labor on culverts, Dist. 9., .	8.25
J. R. Wellman, labor on culverts and sewers,	
Dist. No. 4,	13.75
Timothy Daily, labor on culverts and sewers,	
Dist. No. 2,	18.00
W. A. Thompson, labor on Blanchardville	
culverts,	3.75
Geo. A. Smith, labor on culverts, Dist. No. 7,	8.00
John F. Twiss, labor with team on sewer,	
Dist. No. 2,	16.00
John Ritchie, labor on sewer and culvert, Dist.	
No. 2,	6.00
John Harrington, labor on sewers and culverts,	
Dist. No. 2,	6.00
S. H. Brown, labor on sewers, 1891 and 1892,	
Dist. No. 4,	17.88
Joseph Kerigan, labor on culverts, Dist. No.	
10,	10.00
James F. Foley, labor on culverts,	1.50
C. A. Brown & Co., sewer pipe, etc.,	13.90
Jerry Shea, labor on culverts,	5.00
Benjamin Kenerson, labor on sewers,	1.50
Palmer Mill, labor and material for sewer,	5.35

 \$337.98

RAILINGS.

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Wm. Miller, 22 rods railing, . . \$	22.00
B. Frank Emery, 45 rods railing, . .	45.00
C. P. Haynes, 23½ rods railing, . .	23.50
C. P. Haynes, labor on old railing, . .	1.70
Otto Smith, 23 rods railing, . .	23.00
Samuel Brown, 19 rods railing, . .	19.00
W. H. Olney, 8 rods railing, . .	8.00
James H. Clark, 40 rods railing, . .	40.00
M. R. Maxwell, repairing railing, . .	2.55
Geo. Saunders, labor on railing, . .	2.00
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	\$186.75

BANK WALL, BONDSVILLE.

Appropriation,	\$500.00
W. N. Flynt Granite Co., stone for wall, . \$	260.00
Jerry Shea, contract building wall, . .	162.75
Jerry Shea, pointing wall,	40.00
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	\$462.75

THORNDIKE SEWER.

Appropriation,	\$500.00
Geo. M. Atkins, contract,	\$500.00

THREE RIVERS SEWER.

Appropriation,	\$600.00
G. M. Atkins, contract,	\$600.00

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE, BONDSVILLE.

Balance due T. D. Potter & Co., . .	\$290.76
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MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Flynt Building & Construction Co., amount due		
on Memorial Hall,	.	\$250.00

NEW ROAD NEAR E. B. GATES.

Appropriation,	.	.	\$100.00
H. W. Stimson, contract,	.	.	\$89.00
H. W. Stimson, grading end of new road and			
extra railing,	.	.	9.00
			<u>\$98.00</u>

BLANCHARD'S CROSSING.

Newell & Snowling, labor on W. B. Bennett's		
driveway,	.	\$34.75

BOSTON AND ALBANY R. R. CO.

One-tenth cost Cooley Crossing,	.	\$955.00
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	.	.	\$100.00
E. G. Hastings,	.	.	\$100.00

YOUNG MEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Appropriation,	.	.	\$500.00
Louis E. Chandler,	.	.	\$500.00

OLD CEMETERY PALMER CENTER.

Appropriation,	.	.	\$50.00
Samuel Brown, labor,	.	.	\$41.50

PROSECUTING ILLEGAL LIQUOR SALES.

Appropriation,	\$500.00
Paid C. L. Gardner, services Ferry, Myatt and Mahoney cases,	\$45.00

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1893.

Palmer Savings Bank,	\$20,000.00
Geo. W. Ely, services as tax collector 1888,	215.00
Geo. W. Ely, services as tax collector 1889,	350.00
Outstanding Selectmen's orders,	101.40
	<hr/> \$20,666.40

DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1892.

Balance in Treasury,	\$2,179.33
Geo. W. Ely, taxes, 1888,	307.15
Geo. W. Ely, taxes, 1889,	257.83
State, for State and Military Aid,	902.50
Henry P. Holden, entering sewer,	100.00
Mary A. Connor,	25.00
Geo. Robinson, old plank,	5.00
	<hr/> \$3,776.81

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Contingences,	\$3,500.00
Railings,	300.00
Highways,	4,500.00
Bridges,	1,000.00
Sewer and Culverts,	600.00

W. H. BRAINERD, } *Selectmen*
 CHAS. E. GETCHELL, } *of*
 JOHN F. TWISS, } *Palmer.*

List of Jurors.

Charles D. Holbrook.
Thomas J. Moran.
Enos Calkins.
Calvin Blodgett.
John W. Brainerd.
Horace H. Paine.
S. H. Hellyar.
H. M. Kendall.
Wm. A. Weld.
Charles F. Smith.
Daniel J. Mahoney.
Daniel J. Galleher.
William McCormick.
Daniel J. Sullivan.
Jeremiah J. Sullivan.
Michael Keefe.
O. W. Marey.
Albert Ferry.
Frank A. Barker.
Geo. A. Bills.
M. J. Dawson.
Butler Sedgwick.
C. E. Shumway.
Daniel J. Lawlor.
Ernest C. Buffington.
Thos. J. Chalk.
Chas. E. Dewey.
Nelson Whiton.
F. N. Aiken.
O. P. Allen.
Edwin P. Ball.

Joseph Kerigan, Jr.
H. T. Bishop.
Albert H. Barber.
F. J. Wassum.
Joseph Holbrook.
O. W. Studley.
P. A. Forte.
Samuel Brown.
David P. Lamb.
Chas. S. Smith.
R. L. Bond.
Matthew Gloster.
John Desmond.
George Fisherdict.
C. D. Fuller.
Luke G. Parkhurst.
Daniel Hautnett.
G. W. Randall.
John M. Converse.
W. E. Stone.
Louis A. Conant.
John F. Hanifin.
Geo. L. Chaffee.
B. D. Parsons.
Peter J. Cahill.
Wm. H. Smith, Jr.
Matthew Coffee.
Horace M. Busky.
Jas. J. Manning.
Arthur Grise.
James Sharp.

John Murphy.

F. D. Barton.

W. A. Barnes.

Albert G. Newton.

James Hinnehan.

Edwin C. Sexton.

A. Louis Warriner.

Michael Riley.

Thomas Longtine.

Chas. H. Keith.

A. L. Roberts.

William Moran.

Michael Holden.

Daniel Graves.

Henry Dufour.

List of Jurors revised by the Selectmen March 1st, 1893.

W. H. BRAINERD,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHAS. E. GETCHELL,	
JOHN F. TWISS,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Palmer.</i>

Tax Collector's Report.

W. A. WELD, in account with Town of Palmer.

Amount on collector's book, . . .	\$37,326.12
Amount added to collector's book, . . .	8.00
Interest collected,	49.01
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	\$37,383.13
Discounts,	\$1,988.77
Probable abatement,	376.13
Amount due for services,	250.00
Paid Town Treasurer,	34,659.00
Uncollected,	109.23
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	\$37,383.13

W. A. WELD, Collector, 1892.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF POOR NOT ON TOWN FARM, MARCH 1st, 1893.

Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to John Clifford,	\$ 39.46	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to John M. Knox,	74.29	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to John J. Sugrue,	102.61	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Mrs. Mary Larned,	169.92	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Abbie A. Lynes,	169.92	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to James Sullivan,	169.92	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Harriet Gerald,	169.92	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Mary Lehan,	4.18	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to John D. Sullivan,	57.10	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Michael J. Sullivan,	57.10	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, aid to George Gerald,	169.92	
Westboro Lunatic Hospital, aid to Maggie McCarty,	38.07	
Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded, aid to Timothy Keefe,	169.92	\$1,392.33

J. F. Holbrook, aid to Mrs. William Brown,	\$ 6.92	
F. F. Marcy, " " " "	96.00	
O. W. Studley, " " " "	5.00	
A. E. Park, " " " "	5.00	\$112.92
J. B. Carmody, aid to Mrs. Mary A. Thomas,	36.00	
Joseph Belanger, coffin for Mrs. Mary A. Thomas,	15.00	51.00
John M. Converse, house rent to Cheney Allen,	125.00	
Shaw Brothers, aid to Mrs. Joseph Mayatt,	48.00	
James B. Shaw, aid to James Sheehan,	47.39	
Alfred Trumble, aid to James Sheehan, in '91,	9.88	
Packard S. Trumble, aid to James Sheehan, in '92,	9.13	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. David Fleming,	48.68	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. Carmoline,	12.00	
Joseph Belanger, coffin, Mrs. Carmoline,	12.00	24.00
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mary and Margaret Ryan,	68.26	
J. W. Miller, aid to Mary and Margaret Ryan,	8.50	
Joseph Labonty, aid to Mary and Margaret Ryan,	2.50	
T. D. Potter, aid to Mary and Margaret Ryan,	2.00	81.26
H. T. Bishop, aid to Ozar Blanchard,	48.87	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mary Sheehan,	36.40	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Goodreau children,	39.79	
Mrs. Mary Austin, aid to Harry Thayer,	4.00	
Bridget Kinnévan, aid to Mrs. George Evans,	168.00	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. Peter Austin,	59.66	
O. A. Parent, aid to Mrs. Ellen Hurlihy,	42.33	
O. A. Parent, aid to Mrs. Michael Shea,	67.65	
G. A. Bills, aid to Joseph Taft,	32.00	
Town of Granby, aid to Elenor Thompson,	98.55	
Morris Moriarty, aid to Mary O'Brien,	24.00	
Morris Moriarty, aid to Kate Fenton,	36.00	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. Bridget Bresnahan,	5.18	
D. J. Lawlor, coffin, Mrs. Jerry Shea,	15.00	

E. Goodes, aid to Mrs. Henry Tracy,	.	\$	2.50	
O. W. Studley, aid to Mrs. Henry Tracy,	.		21.00	
A. E. Park, aid to Mrs. Henry Tracy,	.		21.00	\$44.50
City of Chicopee, aid to Mrs. William				
McCarty,	.		20.00	
City of Fitchburg, aid to Henry Lonzo,	.		10.00	
Town of Templeton, aid to Mrs. Mary				
Dubois,	.		25.25	
City of Springfield, aid to Daniel Shea,	.		24.22	
City of Holyoke, aid to Edward Roberts,	.		19.95	
Town of Gardner, aid to Mrs. Arthur				
Marshault,	.		2.41	
Eaton & Barnes, aid to Hattie Young,	.		21.00	
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Hattie Young,	.		15.00	
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Lewis Hubert,	.		47.00	
Charles L. Holden, aid to Michael Lyons,	.		10.00	
W. E. Stone, aid to Luther W. Tanner,	.		55.00	
H. T. Bishop, aid to John Foster, Jr.,	.		5.20	
C. B. Fiske & Co., paper and printing,	.		6.75	
City of Worcester, aid to Thomas M.				
Beverage,	.		14.28	
Dr. John Morgan, aid to William Taft,	.		30.00	
Town of Warren, aid to Daniel McKelligot,			28.50	
Cash paid for stamps and stationery,	.		7.95	
City of Worcester, aid to Mrs. Abbie Mc-				
Cormick,	.		50.00	
Cash aid paid out,	.		17.27	
Cash paid out for looking up paupers,	.		16.32	
Town of Ware, aid to Truffield Goaky,	.		77.60	
Town of Ware, aid to Louis Moran,	.		49.70	
Town of Ware, aid to Louis Taylor,	.		35.25	
Town of Ware, aid to William Lonzo,	.		30.21	
Dr. William Holbrook, for medical services,	.		100.00	
J. O. Hamilton, for services as overseer,	.		135.00	
H. T. Bishop, " " "	.		145.00	
William Merriam, " " "	.		160.00	
				\$3,830.13

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM, MARCH 1st, 1893.

G. W. Lent, services as warden, . . .	\$312.00
Mrs. C. P. Carpenter, making ten dresses, in 1891,	7.90
B. L. Bragg & Co., washing machine, . .	8.50
Downing, Sturtevant & Co., goods, . .	14.52
F. D. Barton, clock, in 1891, . . .	1.25
E. A. Buck & Co., hardware, . . .	14.85
C. A. Brown & Co, hardware, . . .	20.19
W. S. Gamwell, fine feed, . . .	9.40
C. D. Holbrook, flour and feed, . . .	235.78
Henry McGilp, fish and oysters, . . .	22.16
Josiah Gates, fertilizer, . . .	19.00
C. K. Gamwell, clothing, . . .	12.50
O. W. Studley, meat, . . .	81.95
Clark & Hastings, meat, . . .	28.31
Walter Winter, blacksmithing, . . .	5.50
J. B. Shaw, goods, . . .	175.03
J. S. Carr & Co., crackers, . . .	4.25
E. Goodes, boots and shoes, . . .	23.60
LeGro & Lynde, medicine, . . .	26.55
O. P. Allen, medicine, . . .	1.75
H. T. Bishop, goods, . . .	15.00
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	\$1.039.99

Whole number at town farm during the year, 15.

Average number at town farm during the year, 12.

Cost per week per head, \$1.67.

CASH PAID OUT OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
REPAIRS.

E. C. Sexton, labor,	\$92.48
E. A. Buck & Co., paints and oils, . . .	52.55
LeGro & Lynde, wall paper, . . .	5.98
W. H. Hitchcock, labor and stock, . . .	9.28
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	\$160.29

INVENTORY AT TOWN FARM.

March 1st, 1893,	\$2,005.88	
March 1st, 1892,	1,661.97	
	<hr/>	\$343.01 increase.

SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO THE STATE,
MARCH 1st, 1893.

H. G. Loomis, coffin to John Dubec,	\$ 12.00	
Morris Moriarty, aid to Michael Wood,	3.00	
Joseph Belanger, coffin for Beauchamp child,	7.00	
J. W. Weeks, aid to James Read,	90.00	
Dwyer & Sullivan, aid to Frank Hanks, Jr.,	9.00	
J. B. Shaw, aid to Frank Hanks, Jr.,	3.00	
Dr. Wm. Holbrook, medical attendance, Frank Hanks, Jr.,	30.50	
O. P. Allen, medicine, Frank Hanks, Jr.,	2.25	
Oliver LaSalle, coffin, Frank Hanks, Jr.,	10.00	\$54.75
Cash paid to send Morris Austin to Tewks- bury,	2.40	
Cash paid to send D. J. Fowler to Tewks- bury,	2.40	
J. B. Shaw, aid to Louis Smart,	3.00	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Arthur Lord,	15.10	
H. G. Loomis, coffin for unknown man,	15.00	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. Gingras,	36.90	
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. Gingras,	2.38	39.28
O. C. Marcy, aid to Mrs. Edward Cardinal,	1.25	
Kate Brothers, aid to John Jacobs,	5.02	
Dr. Wm. Holbrook, medical attendance to Patrick Feeley,	2.50	
Springfield City Hospital, aid to Patrick Feeley,	126.00	128.50
Shaw Brothers, aid to Mrs. Joseph Vergeny,	5.00	
William Merriam, aid to James Swift and family,	6.10	
Joseph Belanger, coffin for Lucien Austin,	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$394.80

SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

LEOMINSTER.

E. J. Wood, house rent to Mrs. F. Blair,	.	\$ 60.00
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SPENCER.

Charles Barton, aid to Edward M. Dempsy,	.	26.00
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BRIMFIELD.

Geo. W. Collis, aid to Everett T. Dodge,	.	6.00
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MONSON.

F. J. Merriam, aid to Mrs. Ann Poro,	.	7.00
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WARE.

H. T. Bishop, aid to Mrs. Joseph Rogers,	.	60.00	
Mayatt & Rogers, aid to Mrs. Joseph Rogers,		12.00	72.00

ENFIELD.

Dr. Wm. Holbrook, medical attendance Samuel		
W. Crocker,	.	22.50
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		\$193.50

TRAMP ROOM.

A. O. Allen, care of tramp room,	.	60.00
A. O. Allen, working tramps,	.	42.15
A. O. Allen, crackers for tramp room,	.	15.06
Palmer National Bank, rent of tramp room,	.	90.00
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		\$207.21

Number of tramps lodged during the year, 312.

CASH PAID OUT.

Support of poor not on town farm,	\$3,830.13	
Support of poor on town farm,	1,039.99	
Repairs,	160.29	
Poor belonging to the State,	394.80	
Poor belonging to other Towns,	193.50	
Tramp room,	207.21	\$5,825.92

CASH RECEIVED.

Appropriation for support of poor,	\$5,000.00	
Appropriation for repairs,	200.00	
From Boston,	75.00	
From Chicopee,	4.00	
From Leominster,	76.75	
From Monson,	7.00	
From Enfield,	22.50	
From Brimfield,	6.00	
From Ware,	72.00	
From the state,	318.60	
		<hr/> \$5,781.85
Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$44.07

DUE.

From the state,	\$200.16	
From Spencer,	26.00	
		<hr/> \$226.16

The Overseers would recommend an appropriation of five thousand dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year; also three hundred dollars as a contingent fund.

J. O. HAMILTON,	} Overseers
WILLIAM MERRIAM,	
H. T. BISHOP.	
	of
	Poor.

Young Men's Library Association.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1893.

Number of volumes in Library, March 1, 1892, . . .	4,234
Number of volumes Donated to the Library during the year, . . .	31
Total,	<hr/> 4,265
Number of volumes loaned to readers in fiction, . . .	5,306
Number of volumes loaned to readers in history, travels, etc., . . .	2,037
Total,	<hr/> 7,343

In this age of advancement, the Free Library has become a prime necessity. Questions arise every day in the school room, the office or the home which claim an answer, many of which can only be solved by the accumulated stores of wisdom found in the well-selected volumes of a library free to all. But knowledge is progressive, science is achieving new triumphs every year, so by consequence the leaders of thought of a few decades ago are pushed into the background, to give place to the searchers of to-day, and they who would keep abreast of the times must needs take up the new facts as presented or be left in the rear. A free library affords to all an equal opportunity of gaining the benefits of researches, which are the results of the most careful study by the foremost thinkers of the age; a benefit which we owe to ourselves and to the rising generation, especially when it can be gained by an outlay so very small to each taxpayer of the town. Many of the patrons of the library are young people, or those who do not feel able to purchase the many new and desirable books which are constantly appearing, and they ought to find a portion of the best new literature on our library shelves that their desire for knowledge may be met and that their interest in the library

may be kept up. All the towns about us are most liberal in the support which they extend to their libraries; let it not be said that Palmer is backward in this respect.

For lack of funds the trustees have not been able to buy books, save in the matter of magazines, during the past year. The accessions have been in the shape of donations from various sources.

There is a great necessity for a reasonably increased annual appropriation for the purchase of new books, or to replace standard volumes which continually wear out.

As it now is, the expense of lighting, heating, care of building and grounds, the library attendant, and the rebinding of books all come out of the annual appropriation of \$500, which leaves little or nothing for buying needed books. Let it be remembered that the officers charge nothing for their services, and that the books, etc., are furnished at wholesale prices.

Let the thoughtful consider the needs of the library and act accordingly.

W. H. Stowe, *President*,

O. P. ALLEN, *Librarian*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand March 1, 1892, . . .	\$153.96
Received from Town of Palmer, . . .	500.00
Fines and sales of Catalogues, . . .	41.00
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	\$694.96
Paid for Papers and Magazines, . . .	\$ 69.36
Rebinding Books,	47.15
May E. Robinson, assistant at Library, . . .	156.50
Fuel,	179.27
Lights,	46.51
Janitor,	65.25
Repairs,	8.60
Express, etc.,	2.20
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	\$574.84
Balance on hand March 1, 1893, . . .	\$120.12

LOUIS E. CHANDLER, *Treasurer*.

Report of School Committee.

The School Committee would present the following report of the schools of the town during the past year :—

It is believed that there has been a gradual improvement in several directions.

The school registers, in many of the schools, show a better attendance and fewer cases of tardiness. Some teachers have a tact of making the schoolroom a happy place for their pupils. In these schools the attendance is more regular and the pupils are ashamed to enter the schoolroom tardy.

There have been fewer changes among the teachers than in some previous years.

It will be wise policy for the town to pay their teachers such salaries as to be able to retain the best ones.

It is truly said in the Springfield school report that the efficiency of the schools depends more upon the teachers than upon resolutions of school committees or edicts of superintendents.

The general deportment of the pupils in our schools has improved, better care is being taken of the school furniture, and most of the schoolrooms are kept in a more cleanly condition than formerly.

Habits of neatness and propriety of conduct are quite as valuable as a knowledge of arithmetic and geography.

The Course of Study adopted by the Committee is having good results toward uniformity of school work. Some of the schools may not, at once, be able to do the work of the grade, but in time we trust they will accomplish it.

Quite an amount of new reading matter has been furnished to the schools, and a change of writing books has been adopted by the Committee.

A professional teacher in writing has visited a number of the schools, and has given some valuable hints in penmanship to the teachers and pupils.

Some of the primary schools are pressed for room to accommodate the pupils. In the Bondsville Primary school the half-day system has been tried with good results.

No grade of our schools should have more consideration than the Primary grade, for it is here that the pupils will learn either to love or dislike school life.

The Intermediate schools are well filled. These schools are also important, as many of the pupils leave this grade and go to work in mills and other places.

The Grammar schools are not so crowded as some of the lower grades. As this grade furnishes the material for the High school, quite an amount of work is necessary to be done to prepare the pupils for promotion.

In the examination, in June, of pupils to enter the High school, there was a marked improvement in the language work over the previous year.

As the High school increases in numbers it may be best to raise the standard for admission to that school. By most of the pupils another year in the Grammar schools could be profitably spent. Some additional studies, as bookkeeping and algebra, might be added to the course.

The High school has fully maintained its high standard. More attention has been given to English literature. This, we think, is a step in advance.

We judge a tree by its fruits. We may judge the work of a teacher by the inspiration given to the pupils after leaving school to seek higher attainments in culture. When we see so large a number of the graduates planning for an advanced course of study, we are confident that something besides "cramming," which produces mental indigestion, is done in the school. It is doubtful whether there are many towns of the size of Palmer that have more students in the higher institutions of learning.

In June a large attendance of parents and friends of the graduating class met in Holden's Opera House to listen to the exercises prepared by the graduates for the occasion.

At the close the following members of the class received from the School Committee certificates of graduation :—

Beatrice R. Andrews,	Blanche Hastings,
Annie B. Fish,	Lelah Sharp,
Ruth Willis,	Annie Bishop,
Bridget M. Dowd,	Philip C. Story,
Maude Murdock,	William M. Roach.
Maggie Hartnett,	

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

During the summer vacation the schoolrooms in the several buildings were thoroughly cleaned, the ceilings and walls renovated, and the blackboards put in good repair.

The outside of the school buildings in Three Rivers, Wire Mill, Forest Lake and Mason districts are greatly in need of being painted.

The heating arrangement in Thorndike will need attention before another winter, and the heating apparatus in Three Rivers has not given the best of satisfaction during the past season.

The cold winter has drawn heavily upon the appropriation for fuel.

As there were but four pupils who would probably attend school in the Shaw district, arrangements were made in September to send three of them, belonging to one family, to a school in Ware, and the other to a school in West Warren.

A Teachers' Institute, under the direction of Hon. J. W. Dickinson, Secretary of the State Board of Education, was held in the High school building Sept. 28, 1892. Interesting and instructive exercises were given by State Agents Edson, Bailey and others. There was a good attendance of the teachers and a general expression of satisfaction that the Institute had been a profitable one.

The schools of the town observed Columbus Day, Oct. 21, with exercises appropriate for the occasion.

The Committee has furnished a room in the High school building in which to hold its meetings. A fire-proof safe has been purchased to preserve school records and valuable papers. A large book case has also been made for holding school books and other materials used in the schools.

The cost of school books is quite an item in the town expenses.

While the Committee desires to be liberal in ordering suitable books for the schools, still they would impress upon the teachers the importance of keeping a careful inventory of the books in their several classrooms, and of guarding against the misuse of them by the pupils.

The Committee does not intend to ask for a larger appropriation than is necessary to carry on the schools with success.

At the beginning of the year, the appropriation asked for being cut down, and some bills presented that were incurred during the previous year, the Committee has been obliged to leave undone some things which ought to have been done.

We hear it said that the town of Palmer pays more for schools in proportion to the school population than any other town in the state. If any one will take pains to examine the school reports of the towns around us, and compare the grade of schools and the number of children in the towns, the difference in the amount raised for school purposes will not be so great as has been supposed.

The schools of the town deserve our best thought and should receive a most liberal appropriation.

Some one has said, "What we would have the future of our nation to be, we must put into the schools of to-day."

While there is much to be done to raise all our schools to the highest standard, still we believe that any disinterested person will find some good work done in the schools of Palmer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

HIGH SCHOOL.

H. B. Knox,	.	.	.	\$1,500.00
Helen L. Cobb,	.	.	.	500.00
Carrie A. Marsh,	.	.	.	470.00—\$ 2,470.00

DEPOT.

Addie L. Rogers,	.	.	.	\$495.00
Eva E. Cady,	.	.	.	315.00
Abbie J. Wallis,	.	.	.	315.00
Ellen S. Leach,	.	.	.	315.00
Lizzie F. Brown,	.	.	.	315.00—\$ 1,755.00

THREE RIVERS.

H. N. Cross,	.	.	.	\$540.00
Addie L. Walker,	.	.	.	210.00
Marion R. Paine,	.	.	.	105.00
Helen L. Robinson,	.	.	.	315.00
Cora B. Clark,	.	.	.	315.00
Katherine Twiss,	.	.	.	300.00
Frances E. Beauregard,	.	.	.	240.00
Francis E. Cross,	.	.	.	30.00
Annie B. Crane,	.	.	.	78.75—\$ 2,133.75

THORNDIKE.

Howard M. Deane,	.	.	.	\$300.00
Valentine Almy,	.	.	.	150.00
Effie E. Smith,	.	.	.	315.00
Lulu Talmadge,	.	.	.	315.00
Mary E. Murdock,	.	.	.	315.00
Emma F. Deming,	.	.	.	315.00
S. Beulah Thayer,	.	.	.	315.00—\$ 2,025.00

BONDS VILLAGE.

H. E. Fuller,	.	.	.	\$300.00
W. H. Crocker,	.	.	.	150.00
Catherine M. Burns,	.	.	.	315.00
Josie E. Shea,	.	.	.	7.50
Grace Savage,	.	.	.	4.50
Georgietta E. Campbell,	.	.	.	105.00
Mattie B. Smith,	.	.	.	105.00
M. A. O'Brien,	.	.	.	43.75
Maggie T. Shea,	.	.	.	315.00
Caroline M. Howe,	.	.	.	56.00
May A. Martin,	.	.	.	210.00
Harriett G. Martin,	.	.	.	105.00—\$ 1,716.75

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

PALMER CENTER.

Annie O'Connor,	.	.	.	\$263.50
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WHITING.

Amy Graves,	.	.	.	\$252.00
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WIRE MILL.

Minnie S. Lawson,	.	.	.	\$315.00
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BLANCHARDVILLE.

Christia Park,	.	.	\$ 90.00	
Marion R. Paine,	.	.	180.00—	\$270.00

MASON.

Mary McFarlane,	.	.	.	\$252.00
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SHORLEY.

Annie O'Connor,	.	.	\$ 35.00	
Effie Moffatt,	.	.	217.00—	\$ 252.00

SHAW.

Jessie M. Shaw,	.	.	\$ 84.00—	\$ 1,688.50
Total paid teachers,	.	.	.	\$11,789.00

CARE OF HOUSES.

DEPOT.

H. L. Gray,	.	.	.	\$ 226.20
H. Allen, cleaning vault,	.	.	5.00—	\$ 231.20

THORNDIKE.

C. F. Gerald,	.	.	.	\$ 130.00
J. King,	.	.	6.00—	\$ 136.00

THREE RIVERS.

C. S. Smith,	.	.	.	\$ 62.80
Geo. E. Trickett,	.	.	.	50.00
F. A. Ruggles,	.	.	19.95—	\$ 132.75

BONDS VILLAGE.

C. E. Fuller,	.	.	.	\$ 223.11
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UNGRADED.

Blanchardville, janitor and cleaning,	.	\$ 4.00
Wire Mill, " "	.	20.35
Shaw, " "	.	3.00
Whiting, " "	.	5.00
Mason, " "	.	10.50
Center, " "	.	11.30
Shorley, " "	.	1.00
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		\$778.71

TEACHERS SALARIES, 1891. SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

DEPOT.

H. B. Knox,	.	.	.	\$105.00
Helen L. Cobb,	.	.	.	50.00
Carrie A. Marsh,	.	.	.	22.50
Addie L. Rogers,	.	.	.	62.50
Eva E. Cady,	.	.	.	43.75
Abbie J. Wallis,	.	.	.	43.75
Ellen S. Leach,	.	.	.	43.75
Lizzie F. Brown,	.	.	.	43.75—\$ 460.00

THREE RIVERS.

H. N. Cross,	.	.	.	\$42.50
Helen L. Robinson,	.	.	.	26.25
Cora B. Clark,	.	.	.	26.25
Marion R. Paine,	.	.	.	8.75
Katherine Twiss,	.	.	.	22.50
Frances E. Beauregard,	.	.	.	30.00—\$ 156.25

THORNDIKE.

Aalentine Almy,	.	.	.	\$12.50
Effie E. Smith,	.	.	.	8.75
Lulu Talmadge,	.	.	.	8.75
Mary E. Murdock,	.	.	.	8.75
Emma F. Deming,	.	.	.	8.75
S. Beulah Thayer,	.	.	.	8.75—\$ 56.25

BONDSVILLE.

W. H. Crocker,	.	.	.	\$12.00	
Catherine M. Burns,	.	.	.	4.38	
Mattie B. Smith,	.	.	.	8.75	
Maggie T. Shea,	.	.	.	4.38	
May A. Martin,	.	.	.	4.38—\$	34.39

CENTER.

Josie E. Shea,	.	.	.	\$45.00	
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WHITING.

Amy Graves,	.	.	.	\$7.00	
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WIRE MILL.

Minnie S. Lawson,	.	.	.	\$8.75	
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SHORLEY.

Effie Moffatt,	.	.	.	\$7.00	
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SHAW.

Jessie M. Shaw,	.	.	.	\$7.00—\$	74.75
					<u>74.75</u>
					\$781.64

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Omer Gosselin,	.	.	.	\$378.70	
Jerry Shea,	.	.	.	237.00	
J. F. Twiss,	.	.	.	334 00	
C. F. Smith,	.	.	.	55.70	
G. D. Mooers,	.	.	.	272.00	
D. Mahoney,	.	.	.	45.00—\$	1,322.40

FUEL.

J. F. Holbrook,	.	.	.	\$1,012.23	
L. C. Snow,	.	.	.	10.12	
C. P. Haynes,	.	.	.	35.50	
J. A. Palmer,	.	.	.	23.00	
T. D. Potter & Co.,	.	.	.	13.00	

Jerry Shea,	.	.	.	.	\$ 6.50
M. A. Sherman,	.	.	.	.	16.50
D. Mahoney,	.	.	.	.	14.87
N. W. Bond,	.	.	.	.	8.00
Samuel Brown,	.	.	.	.	19.00
W. F. Fillmore,	.	.	.	.	103.71—\$ 1,262.43

REPAIRS.

F. D. Barton,	.	.	.	.	\$ 4.35
M. A. Sherman,	.	.	.	.	2.00
F. A. Ruggles,	.	.	.	.	2.75
J. A. Day,	.	.	.	.	16.13
F. W. Merriam,	.	.	.	.	4.00
F. H. Dean,	.	.	.	.	22.23
A. S. B. Lothrop,	.	.	.	.	3.00
E. A. Buck & Co.,	.	.	.	.	4.10
L. A. Conant,	.	.	.	.	28.85
Jerry Shea,	.	.	.	.	20.15
John F. Twiss,	.	.	.	.	25.50
James Lacroix,	.	.	.	.	50.00
D. Mahoney,	.	.	.	.	.50
N. K. Rogers,	.	.	.	.	2.80
John Wilson,	.	.	.	.	4.15
F. F. Marcy,	.	.	.	.	14.04
Samuel Brown,	.	.	.	.	.80
J. A. Breckenridge,	.	.	.	.	338.44
Phillips Mfg. Co.,	.	.	.	.	10.06
C. S. Ruggles,	.	.	.	.	51.85
M. J. Dillon,	.	.	.	.	2.30
T. D. Potter & Co., ¹	.	.	.	.	46.89
A. M. Bond,	.	.	.	.	47.80
G. D. Whiting,	.	.	.	.	7.75
G. W. Lyman,	.	.	.	.	121.86—\$ 832.30

CONTINGENCIES.

Palmer Water Co., water,	.	.	\$ 22.00	
M. J. Dawson, truant officer,	.	.	7.00	
C. S. Smith, enumerator,	.	.	50.00	
S. S. Taft, insurance,	.	.	56.59	
A. E. Fitch, insurance,	.	.	174.75	
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing,	.	.	64.20	
Geo. E. Trickett, truant officer, 1891,	.	.	42.45	
Shaw Bros. & Co., sundries,	.	.	5.72	
C. A. Brown & Co., sundries,	.	.	6.25	
F. D. Barton, repairing clock,	.	.	.50	
H. P. Holden, use of hall,	.	.	20.00	
L. E. Moore, sundry expenses on freight,				
etc.,	.	.	18.97	
J. A. Day, cash expenses,	.	.	31.56	
O. P. Allen, freight charges etc., on books				
etc.,	.	.	11.66	
W. A. Breckenridge, freight etc.,	.	.	1.20	
Thomson & Co., safe,	.	.	80.00	
M. McCormick, truant officer,	.	.	5.75	
Joseph Beluager, sundries,	.	.	1.00	
H. G. Loomis, furniture,	.	.	25.75	
Town of Brimfield, tuition, 1891,	.	.	5.00	
C. A. Brown & Co., sundries,	.	.	3.90	
Robinson & Taylor, sundries,	.	.	2.25	
S. H. Brown, teaming,	.	.	1.60	
J. H. Haynes, stove,	.	.	12.50	
S. H. Hellyar, curtains,	.	.	5.60	
E. A. Buck & Co., sundries,	.	.	7.60	
Palmer and Monson Electric Co., lighting,			5.40—\$	669.20

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Co.,	.	.	.	\$163.49
American Book Co.,	.	.	.	75.68
G. C. Merriam & Co.,	.	.	.	25.50
John F. Lyman,	.	.	.	2.80

J. & I. E. Moore,	.	.	.	\$	7.00
O. P. Allen,	.	.	.		5.22
D. C. Heath & Co.,	.	.	.		47.42
Milton Bradley,	.	.	.		9.00
E. H. Butler & Co.,	.	.	.		20.83
Fairfield Paper Co.,	.	.	.		107.63
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	.	.	.		43.28
Allyn & Bacon,	.	.	.		12.00
Boston School Supply Co.,	.	.	.		58.74
E. Maynard & Co.,	.	.	.		10.80
Harper & Bros.,	.	.	.		29.92
J. A. Day,	.	.	.		11.10
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	.	.	.		19.50
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	.	.	.		382.44
Springfield News Co.,	.	.	.		90.16—\$ 1,122.51

SALARIES OF COMMITTEE.

W. A. Breckenridge,	.	.	.	\$100.00
A. B. C. Deming,	.	.	.	100.00
Rev. J. A. Day,	.	.	.	100.00
F. A. Ruggles,	.	.	.	100.00
Rev. W. H. Hart,	.	.	.	100.00
L. E. Moore,	.	.	.	100.00—\$ 600.00

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' salaries,	.	.	.	\$11,789.00
Care of houses,	.	.	.	778.71
Transportation of scholars to high school,				1,322.40
Fuel,	.	.	.	1,262.43
Repairs,	.	.	.	832.30
Contingencies,	.	.	.	669.20
Text books and supplies,	.	.	.	1,122.51
Salaries of Committee,	.	.	.	600.00
Salaries of teachers for 1891, Special appropriation,	.	.	.	781.64—\$19,158.19

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED AND AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Salaries of teachers,	\$11,500.00	
Text books and supplies,	1,000.00	
Transportation,	1,200.00	
Care of houses,	800.00	
Repairs,	1,000.00	
Fuel,	1,000.00	
Contingencies,	500.00	
Salaries of Committee,	600.00	
Salaries of teachers for 1891,	781.64	
Dog fund,	473.01	
Merrick fund,	34.34	
Massachusetts School Fund,	218.31	
Stoves, Bondsville,	16.00	
Mileage tickets not used,	9.32	
Tuition, Bondsville,	7.50	
Tuition, Three Rivers,	20.00	
Tuition, Depot,	10.00—	\$19,170.12
Amount expended,		19,158.19
Amount unexpended,		<hr/> \$11.93

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE.										Average Member-ship for Year.	Average Attend-ance for Year.	Enrolled No.
		1st Month.	2d Month.	3d Month.	4th Month.	5th Month.	6th Month.	7th Month.	8th Month.	9th Month.	10th Month.			
<i>High.</i>	H. B. Knox.....	76	76	76	80	80	77	77	77	78	78	77 5	75 5	76
	Helen L. Cobb.....	74	75	74	78	85	76	75	75	71	77			
	Miss C. A. Marsh.....													
<i>Grammar.</i>	Adelle L. Rogers.....	40	45	40	42	43	45	44	42	42	45	42 4	40 29	63
	Palmer.....	36	39	38	40	42	40	42	43	41	41	42 4	40 29	63
	Thorndike.....	19	19	19	17	16	15	17	15	17	17	29 3	26 09	22
	W. N. Crocker.....	35	36	34	31	32	32	30	30	29	30	33	30 7	36
	H. E. Fuller.....	32	34	31	30	31	30	30	32	28	26	18 8	17 1	21
	H. N. Cross.....	18	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	15	18 8	17 1	21
		16	16	16	18	18	16	16	16	16	16	18 8	17 1	21
<i>First Intermediate.</i>														
	Eva E. Cady.....	43	39	39	38	42	43	45	46	46	46	42 8	38 98	46
	Palmer.....	41	25	34	35	39	39	41	41	42	40	42 8	38 98	46
	Thorndike.....	25	23	23	34	32	32	31	32	32	32	29 4	26 09	27
	Georgetta Campbell.....	21	7	20	30	28	27	28	28	27	28	29 4	26 09	27
	Caroline M. Howe.....	19	19	19	30	30	18	29	27	25	26	25 28	23 9	19
	Katherine A. Burns.....	18	18	17	29	30	26	27	26	25	25	25 28	23 9	19
	Adelle L. Walker.....	23	23	21	20	21	22	25	26	27	26	23 58	21 14	31
		21	20	12	15	19	19	21	24	25	23	23 58	21 14	31
<i>Second Intermediate.</i>														
	Abbie J. Wallis.....	32	30	29	32	32	32	31	31	29	29	30 8	28 8	32
	Palmer.....	29	4	27	26	30	31	29	28	27	27	30 8	28 8	32
	Emma F. Deming.....	17	15	14	23	25	26	25	24	25	25	21 55	18 10	24
	Thorndike.....	15	07	11	14	12	20	20	20	20	20	21 55	18 10	24
	Bondsville.....	37	5	36	33	32	33	35	35	35	32	34 6	32 75	39
	Katherine A. Burns.....	36	35	45	32	31	32	31	34	35	32	34 6	32 75	39
	Helen L. Robinson.....	27	72	37	35	27	31	31	35	36	36	28 9	25 96	33
		25	22	24	17	33	30	28	23	25	22	28 9	25 96	33

Number of children in town May 1st, 1892, between five and fifteen years of age, according to school census,	1,208
Number between eight and fourteen, . . .	833
Number enrolled in all the schools, . . .	1,220
Number enrolled under five, . . .	2
Number enrolled over fifteen, . . .	72
Number enrolled between eight and fourteen, . . .	701
Average membership for the year, . . .	955.56
Average attendance for the year, . . .	866.5

WM. A. BRECKENRIDGE,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
FRANK A. RUGGLES,	
J. A. DAY,	
A. B. C. DEMING,	
WILLIAM H. HART,	
L. E. MOORE,	

Auditor's Report.

PALMER, MASS., March 15, 1893.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and find them correct and to correspond in each and every particular.

S. H. HELLYAR, *Auditor*.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss.
HAMPDEN

To Michael J. Dawson, Constable of the Town of Palmer.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House, in said Palmer, on Monday, the twentieth day of March current, at 9 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, which shall be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To act on the reports of the town officers.

ART. 5. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money not to be paid from the taxes of the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act on reports of committees.

ART. 9. To choose committees and give them instructions.

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ART. 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 14. To act on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise money for the Young Men's Library Association and appropriate therefor all or any part of the dog fund.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take with regard to the appointment of a superintendent of schools.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to issue notes, bonds or scrip, according to the provisions of Chap. 129 of the Acts of the year 1884, and use the same in payment of the debt which the town has already incurred.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting its streets, and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor with the Palmer and Monson Electric Company.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to schooling the children of residents of adjoining towns.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take regarding claims of Mary Moran, B. F. Coffin and C. H. Lee for injuries sustained while traveling on the highways.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to rebuild a portion of the fence around the cemetery at Palmer Depot.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in reference to purchasing land for a new cemetery at Palmer Depot.

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take in reference to the preservation of shade trees.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain, and entrust the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provisions of Chap. 189, Acts of the year 1885.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise \$100, to be used in repairing and painting the Four Corners cemetery fence.

ART. 29. To see if the town will make provision for a fire-proof vault in which to store the town records, as required by the statutes, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock a. m., and may be closed at one o'clock p. m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of March, A. D. 1893.

W. H. BRAINERD,	}	Selectmen of Palmer.
CHAS. E. GETCHELL,		
JOHN F. TWISS,		

A copy. Attest:

M. J. DAWSON, Constable.

